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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS: NOV 25-26

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1. U.S. COVERAGE IS FAIRLY LIGHT AND ON BALANCE, NEGATIVE.

-- NOV 25 PRAVDA DESCRIBES CARTER MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE IS DESCRIBED AS EMPHASIZING ECONOMIC ISSUES. VREMYA TV NEWS PROGRAM HAS ALSO BEEN COVERING CARTER MOVES DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.

--NOV 25 PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS N.Y. ARTICLE ON "POLITICAL ASYLUM" OF BRAZINSKAS FATHER AND SON IN U.S. SENATOR BROOK'S SUPPORT FOR BRAZINSKAS IS DESCRIBED AND U.S. TREATMENT OF THESE "BANDIT CRIMINALS" IS CONTRASTED TO U.S. AUTHORITIES' FAILURE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SECURITY FOR SOVIET CITIZENS AND INSTITUTIONS IN U.S.

--NOV 26 PRAVDA AND KZ AND NOV 25 IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS NEW YORK ITEM ALLEGING CIA SUPPORT FOR THAI MILITARY TAKEOVER. ARTICLE CITES NYT CHARGES THAT CIA INVOLVEMENT WAS "ALL-EMBRACING," AND THAT NEW REGIME IS THE "MOST REPRESSIVE" SINCE THE END OF THE ABSOLUTE MONARCHY IN 1932.

--NOV 26 KZ MENTIONS NIGERIAN DEPORTATION OF U.S. LOCKHEED PILOT D. LAWSON. SAME ISSUE CARRIES ARTICLE ON PROTEST BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BRITISH LABOR PARTY AGAINST PLANS TO DEPORT CERTAIN U.S. JOURNALISTS FROM ENGLAND.

-- NOV 26 PRAVDA HAS TWO TASS NEW YORK ITEMS OF INTEREST. ONE DESCRIBES GUS HALL'S POST-ELECTION REPORT TO PLENUM OF CC CPUSA, IN WHICH HE PRAISES PARTY ON BACK FOR ITS "SUCCESS" IN RECENT ELECTIONS. HALL SAYS THAT IT CANNOT BE EXPECTED THAT WITH COMING TO POWER OF NEW ADMINISTRATION, SITUATION OF BROAD MASSES WILL IMPROVE. SECOND ITEM IS BASED ON SPECIAL ISSUE OF "NEW WORLD REVIEW" ON OCCASION OF 43TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ARTICLE SAYS IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SERVES U.S. INTERESTS AND CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF REMAINING OBSTACLES IN PATH OF NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS.

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-- NOV 26 KZ HAS ARTICLE ON ACTIVITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN LOBBY IN U.S.

-- SAME ISSUE OF KZ HAS ARTICLE BASED ON CSM ARTICLE ON U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT ON THIS THANKSGIVING DAY.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--CENTRAL PRESS IS DOMINATED BY REPORTS FROM BREZHNEV-CEAUSESCU MEETING, BREZHNEV-CEAUSESCU SPEECHES, CPSU-CP ROMANIA STATEMENT, ETC. NOV 26 PRESS CARRIES PICTURE AND REPORT FROM WARSAW PACT CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

--"NOTES OF A POLITICAL OBSERVER" BY VITALIY KORIONOV IN NOV 25 PRAVDA ATTACKS LONDON NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP MEETING AND, IN PARTICULAR, LUNS STATEMENT FOLLOWING SESSIONS IN WHICH LUNS, ACCORDING TO KORIONOV, SPOKE OF DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR-TIPPED CRUISE MISSILES IN WESTERN EUROPE. TURNING TO DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND URGING OF NYT'S SULZBERGER FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DEFENSE, KORIONOV CITES RECENT UNA STUDY WHICH HE SAYS SHOWS NATO EXPENDITURES TO BE HIGHER THAN WP OUTLAYS.

-- PRAVDA NOV 26 CARRIES TASS NEW YORK REPORT ON KUZNETSOV'S UN SPEECH DEFENDING SOVIET NUF PROPOSAL AND SLAPPING AT "SOME COUNTRIES" WHO WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE DECISION OF THE UNGA ON THE ISSUE. UN CHARTER AND HELSINKI FINAL ACT TROTTED OUT AS EXAMPLES OF NUF PRINCIPLE WHICH TREATY WOULD REINFORCE.

-- M.E. COVERAGE IS VERY LIGHT. NOV 26 PRAVDA AND KZ DESCRIBE ALLEGED ISRAELI PROVOCATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

-- NOV 25 IZVESTIYA MENTIONS MEETING BETWEEN FIRST DEP CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS V.G. MOROZOV AND LIBYAN MIN INDUSTRY AND MINERAL WEALTH AL-TALHI AND MIN ELECTRICITY AL-ARBASH.

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-- COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY V. DROBKOV IN NOV 25 PRAVDA REPEATS STANDARD, DREARY SOVIET LINE ON CYPRUS SITUATION.

-- NOV 26 PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE ON "POLITICAL SPECTACLE" IN WINDHOEK. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH ACCOUNT OF SWAPO STATEMENT ON DETERMINATION OF NAMIBIAN PATRIOTS TO CONTINUE ARMED STRUGGLE FOR GENUINE LIBERATION OF THEIR COUNTRY. NOV 26 KZ HAS SHORT ITEM ON SWAPO "EXTERMINATION" IN NAMIBIAN FIGHTING OF 80 SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS FROM NOV 4-10. ARTICLE SAYS "SOME" SOUTH AFRICAN HELICOPTERS WERE ALSO DOWNED.

-- NOV 25 IZVESTIAY MENTIONS PODGORNYY-KAUNDA

EXCHANGE OF CABLES ON ZAMBIAN NATIONAL DAY.

-- NOV 26 KZ HAS ARTICLE BY V. CHURSANOV LINKING
U.S.-LATIN AMERICA NAVAL EXERCISE "WINDLASS XVII"
WITH SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS AND IDEAS OF
SOUTH ATLANTIC MILITARY PACT.

-- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES REPORTS ON ARRIVAL,
ACTIVITIES, ETC., OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ.
PEREZ-PODGORNYKINER SPEECHES ARE CARRIED IN NOV 25
CENTRAL PRESS. WHILE PODGORNY'S REMARKS SEEM ROUTINE,
PEREZ TWITS SOVIETS FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN
DISCUSSION IN CONTEXT OF "NORTH-SOUTH" DIALOGUE. HE
ALSO DESCRIBES SOVIET UNION AS HAVING OPENED TO
HUMANITY "ONE OF PATHS" TO PROGRESS, WELL BEING, AND
PEACE.

-- NOV 25 PRAVDA MENTIONS CPSU DE L VISIT TO CUBA
LED BY DEP CHAIRMAN OF PROPAGANDA SECTION OF CC
CPSU, V.N. SEVRUK.
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